

POLI 4064  
Comparative Politics of Developing Countries  
Fall 2018  
12:30-1:20 MWF/228 Tureaud

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MWF 11:30-12:30  
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**OBJECTIVE:** The course is designed to analyze the forces and trends characteristic of politics in developing countries. We will use examples of all the major regions of the Third World (Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East) in order to better understand the pervasive nature of the political crisis that has engulfed the developing world.

**TEXTBOOK:** There is one required text for the course:

Handelman, Howard. *Challenges of the Developing World*. New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 2016

Also, you will be required to read NYT articles regularly, on current developments in Third World countries.

**GRADES:** Course grades will be determined according to the following formula:

Class Participation	10pts
Take-Home Exam	10pts (Due Sept. 17)
Multiple Choice (2)	10pts (5pts each; Oct. 12/Nov. 28)
Midterm Exam	20pts (Oct. 15)
Research Paper	20pts (Nov. 16)
Presentation	5pts (Nov. 16-26)
Final Exam	<u>25pts</u> (Dec. 06 / 7:30am)
	100 pts

A+ 100 - 95	B+ 86.9 - 85	C+ 76.9 - 75	D+ 66.9 - 65	F below 57
A 94.9 - 90	B 84.9 - 80	C 74.9 - 70	D 64.9 - 60	
A- 89.9 - 87	B- 79.9 - 77	C- 69.9 - 67	D- 59.9 - 57	

**STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:** You are required to attend all class sessions and keep up with the reading assignments as well as the on-going events in the Third World. All Exams and Assignments must be completed on a timely basis.

LECTURE OUTLINE & ASSIGNMENTS

Aug. 20-27	<u>Introduction</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Context of Third World Reality</li><li>• Contemporary Condition of Developing Countries</li></ul>	Handelman: Preface & Chap 1
Aug. 29 - Sept. 12	<u>Theory in the Study of Developing Countries</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Modernization Theory</li><li>• Revisionist Theory</li><li>• Marxist &amp; Dependency Theory</li></ul>	Handelman: Chap. 1

Sept. 17	<u>Take-Home Exam Due</u>	
Sept. 17-21	<u>History of the Third World</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-Colonial</li> <li>• Colonial</li> <li>• Decolonization</li> <li>• Independence</li> </ul>	
Sept. 24-28	<u>Leadership &amp; Ideology</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who are the Leaders and what guides their governing styles: Varied examples</li> </ul>	Handelman: Chap. 4
Oct. 01-08	<u>Institutions in Third World Politics</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Institutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judiciary</li> <li>Executive</li> <li>Legislature</li> <li>Political Parties</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Non-State Groups/Associations</li> </ul>	Handelman: Chap. 4
Oct. 10-12	<u>Democracy in the Third World</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Emergence</li> <li>• The Transition</li> <li>• The Explosion</li> <li>• The Problems</li> </ul>	Handelman: Chap. 2
Oct. 12	<u>Multiple Choice Test</u>	
Oct. 15	<u>Midterm Exam: Essays &amp; Definitions</u>	
Oct. 17-26	<u>Strategies to Development</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Third World Condition</li> <li>• Need for Economic Transformation</li> <li>• Varied Strategies: Land Reform to MDGS/SDGS</li> </ul>	
Oct. 25-Nov. 03	<u>Constraints to Development</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classes, Clientelism, &amp; Corruption</li> <li>• Education and Social Change</li> <li>• Race, Ethnicity, &amp; Caste System</li> <li>• Women and Population</li> </ul>	Handelman: Chaps. 4, 5, 6 & 7
Nov. 02-09	<u>Intervening Forces in Third World Politics</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Military Rule (Chap. 8)</li> <li>• Insurgency &amp; Revolution (Chap. 7)</li> <li>• Religion &amp; Politics (Chap. 3)</li> </ul>	Handelman: Chaps. 3, 7 & 8

Nov. 14-19	<u>Research Presentations (10 min. each)</u>
Nov. 19	<u>Research Paper Due</u>
Nov. 26	<u>Multiple Choice Test</u>
Nov. 26-30	<u>Review Session/Course Evaluation</u>
Dec. 06	<u>Final Exam (Thursday 7:30-9:30am)</u>